

THE NASHVILLE  
CHORAL SOCIETYRENDERS INITIAL  
CONCERTSignal Success from  
the Start.

Every Selection Heartily Applauded  
—Classics and Folk Songs Re-  
ceive Same Recognition—Bad  
Break by White Methodist  
Preacher—Negroes Grossly  
Insulted.

The first concert of the Nashville Choral Society was given at the Ryman Auditorium Tuesday evening, of this week. This organization is composed of the leading singers of the city. The organization was perfected by Prof. John W. Work and others, who conceived the idea that the Negroes of this city owe to us a first-class musical society. Prof. Work got his inspiration from the success of a like organization in Atlanta; and in view of the fact that Fisk University is located in this city and has a world-wide reputation for music, it was considered proper that the graduates and undergraduates of that institution, and also of the other universities of the city should organize and operate a high-class musical society. The organization was perfected less than six months ago. Practices have been held in the local churches here as the society had no funds and were unable to rent a meeting place.

Just how well the Society is progressing was best attested to by the approval of the audience at the Ryman Auditorium Tuesday night in their applause of the program ren-



PROF. J. W. WORK.  
Leader of the Nashville Choral  
Society.

dered, which consisted of folk songs and classical music. Ryman Auditorium was well filled Tuesday night. Between five and six thousand people congregated to hear the first concert of the Nashville Choral Society. The entertainment was given at the solicitation of the pastor of the Alex Irwin Methodist Episcopal Church (white). Prof. Work was approached by the pastor of this church to give this concert to aid them in their efforts to pay an indebtedness. Prof. Work was slow to give an answer; but finally consented after the pastor of the white M. E. Church had pos-

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THE MAJESTIC THEATER.  
Front view of Nashville's first real Negro Opera House, located on Cedar street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, North.

Judge Hook Turned Down for Su-  
preme Bench Because of Jim  
Crow Decision.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The existing vacancy on the supreme court bench, the fifth that has occurred in the present administration, probably will be filled by the appointment of Secretary of Commerce and Labor Charles Nagel, of St. Louis. President Taft is expected to send the nomination of Mr. Nagel to the senate within a few days.

United States Judge William C. Hook, of Kansas, who until last night was most prominently mentioned for the vacancy, is said to have been eliminated from further consideration at an hour's session of the cabinet today. All of the lawyers in the cabinet, except Mr. Nagel, were present and afterward it was learned the President had made clear his intention of appointing his secretary of commerce and labor.

This report was so generally credited to-night that rumor was busy with a possible successor to Mr. Nagel in the cabinet. Louis Marshall, of New York, and Julius Rosenwald, of Chicago, were mentioned among those who would be considered.

## "Jim Crow" Cate.

Judge Hook's name was scratched from the President's list to-day almost at the eleventh hour. According to Kansas at the White House today the latest protest against Judge Hook grew out of an old Oklahoma case in which an attempt was made to secure dining car and sleeping car privileges for Negroes. The United States court, Judge Hook, concurring, decided that it was optional with the railroad to furnish these cars for Negroes.

Both the President and Attorney-General Wickersham are understood

to hold the opinion that Judge Hook "went too far" in this case, and Secretary of State Knox, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Interior Fisher, other lawyers present at the cabinet meeting, evidently agreed.

THE NEGRO DEPARTMENT OF  
THE INTERCHURCH COL-  
LEGE LOCATED.

Citizens of Northwest Nashville will be delighted to learn that they are to have another educational institution in their midst. It has been mentioned the Colored Department of Interchurch College is to be located in that portion of the city.

It will be remembered that a great howl was raised by a few people living in Capitol Square when the rumor gained circulation that the Board of Directors of Interchurch College proposed to locate the Colored Department near the State Capitol. Protest upon top of protest went before the Board, and some went so far as to almost threaten the institution if located there. No danger, however, was entertained along that line by any one; but as rumor had it that it would not be a desirable one, the committee had no cause to consider the protest, but went on in their even tenor of way to look out for a place more suitable.

It has just leaked out that the site finally settled upon by the Board is one that is far superior to any space in Capitol Square, viz., the Hoffman Hall, located just west of Livingston Hall. This site is on a high elevation overlooking Centennial Park, Vanderbilt University and West Nashville generally, with a broad scope of territory in view of the observer stretching out for miles to the northwest. Several great institutions come under observation in this scope of territory. Among them is the new State Normal buildings, whose structures can be seen in the west of the site selected for the Interchurch College. The natural scenery that stretches out before the eye at this point will bring to the students at the institution Nature's beauty in abundance.

It is understood that President Gates, of Fisk University, who is a member of the Board, has promised the co-operation of Fisk with the Interchurch College. It has been learned that a working agreement has been reached whereby spare space in the Theological Building will be utilized by the Interchurch College in the beginning, and as long as it is desired. This will enable the Board to begin operations at a very early date, and it is expected that before the year 1912 closes Nashville will have in full operation, aside from her public schools, seven educational institutions of higher learning and technical training.

OUSTED FROM SEAT—NEGRO  
GIVEN JUDGMENT AGAINST  
THE SOUTHERN AT  
KNOXVILLE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—In Circuit Court today Hugh L. Moss, a Negro, was given judgment for \$250 against the Southern Railway because a conductor of that company required him to surrender his seat in a Jim Crow compartment to a lady passenger. The train was crowded and several whites crowded into the Negro car, and the Negro had to get up.

TENNESSEE  
FOR DR. JONESAFRICAN METHODISTS  
SOLID FOR HIMPrimary at Bethel  
Last Tuesday

Every Conference in the State Represented — Plans Formulated to Work for Dr. Jones' Election — Distinguished Educator Fully Qualified for Position — Steering Committee Appointed.

On Tuesday of this week the delegates to the A. M. E. General Conference, which convenes in Kansas City next May, met in Bethel A. M. E. Church in this city. In connection with the delegates several trustees of Turner Normal College, an institution supported by the Church, of Shelbyville, also several general officers, visited.

The meeting, as has been stated heretofore, was for the purpose of looking after matters pertaining to the school and formulating plans to be laid before the General Conference.

Rev. L. P. Gray, P. E. Tennessee Annual Conference, was chairman of the meeting, and Dr. G. W. Porter, of Columbia, was secretary.

Every conference in the state was represented except the West Tennessee Conference. The Tennessee Conference was represented by Reverends L. P. Gray, H. L. P. Jones, N. B. Denney and S. L. Howard; Laity C. V. Roman and M. C. Buford. The East Tennessee Conference was represented by Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of Warren A. M. E. Church, of Chattanooga, and Mr. D. H. Allen. Middle Tennessee Conference by Rev. D. W. Porter and W. H. Shelton. Rev. A. Brooks, as alternate, represented Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, who was elected at the last Annual Conference and afterwards transferred to St. Louis, Mo. The general officers present were Rev. W. A. Lewis, Secretary of the Preachers' Protective Association, Mr. Ira T. Bryant, Secretary of the Sunday-School Union Department, and Rev. J. C. Caldwell, Secretary of the A. M. E. Endeavor League.

The meeting was very harmonious in every way. It was known that Tennessee is solid for Dr. Jones for editor of the Southern Christian Recorder. There was not a dissenting voice against his election. Dr. Jones was present and in his usual genial mood. Every delegate expressed himself as of the belief that Dr. Jones would be elected.

Tennessee is proud of her noble son. Having lived in the state all his life, Dr. Jones is well known from Carter to Shelbyville. As President of Turner Normal College he has made an enviable record. He was elected to that position when the school was without anything save a lot. By his energy and tact he has brought that school up to the point where it ranks favorably with the other normal schools in the state. And now the trustees have some money in hand preparatory to erecting a girls' dormitory on the campus.

Dr. Jones has pastored some of the largest churches in the state, but while in the pastorate and since he has been President of Turner Normal College, he never ceased to advocate through his church papers and also through the secular press the things he believed to be the best for all the people. He is a sane and courageous writer. He is not afraid to tell the truth and to state facts in any case. It has been charged by the secular press that the church papers cover up things that happen within the church that the world ought to know, and ministers often complain that denominational papers refuse to grant them privileges they ought to have. It is not believed that Dr. Jones will be guilty of either. He is a born editor and a thorough scholar. As to his reputation, one only needs to strike Tennessee soil anywhere and call the name of J. A. Jones, and at once the response will come that he is one of our leading citizens and foremost educators.

He has had experience in both newspaper and magazine work. In the days of the late Dr. M. E. Bryant, when he was editor and publisher of the Southern Christian Recorder, with headquarters in Nashville, Dr. Jones assisted him in that work, and after his death his successor found in Dr. Jones a valuable help.

The first Sunday-school lessons ever written by the Negro came from the pen of this same J. A. Jones, whom Tennessee is asking the General Conference to elect Editor of the Southern Christian Recorder. That was during the tenure of Bishop C. S. Smith as Secretary of the Sunday-School Union.

There is no man better acquainted with the affairs of the A. M. E. Church than Tennessee's candidate. He has proven this in various ways. The members of the conferences in this state look to Dr. Jones for counsel and advice and they always find in him a warm friend. The laity also are very proud of him, and can ap-

FRANKLIN'S ROUSING  
BIG MEETING.BUSINESS MEN WILL HOLD A  
RALLY.

Two Prominent Visitors, D. A. Hart, Editor of The Nashville Globe, and Henry A. Boyd, Assistant Secretary of National Baptist Publishing Board, Invited to Participate.

Franklin, one of the oldest and best known towns in Middle Tennessee, the county seat of Williamson County, is to witness the biggest meeting ever held in the county Friday night, February 16th. The object of the meeting, as stated by prominent citizens who have every interest of the county at heart, is for the promotion of enterprises and racial development, such as will be commensurate with the life of the people and the improvement of the present day. Those who are serving as a committee of the whole in getting the affair under way are Drs. A. F. McCoy, H. C. Robinson, Revs. W. L. McGee and J. T. Patton, Messrs. F. D. Williams and R. T. Muddick. The First Baptist Church has been selected because of its central location for this rousing public-spirited meeting. The big guns that will fire in this the first campaign to be waged in Franklin to interest the colored people will begin their cannonading at eight o'clock. Every citizen of Williamson County is invited to participate. No fees at the door will be charged, it will be a veritable love-feast with a getting together of all interests for the benefit of the city of Franklin.

In order that the enthusiasm might be heightened, this committee of the whole has invited Mr. D. A. Hart, editor of the Nashville Globe, Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Henry A. Boyd, assistant secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, to be present on that night. Both of these gentlemen will appear on the program. In order that none might be slighted, a cordial welcome has been extended to all. "Come without money and without price" is the slogan adopted by this committee of the whole in pushing off the first progressive meeting to promote and to uphold racial enterprises.

NEGROES LYNCH A NEGRO IN  
GEORGIA.

Vidalia, Ga., February 7.—Homer Stewart, a Negro, was lynched by members of his own race yesterday at Cedar Crossing, a small town in a remote section of this county, according to reports received here. Stewart is alleged to have killed another Negro and fatally wounded two others at a Negro festival.

MRS. COATS SUMMONED FOR  
JURY DUTY.

Special to the Globe.  
Spokane, Wash., February 8.—Mrs. Dorothy Coats, summoned for duty in the Superior Court here yesterday, is believed to be the first Negro woman to be called to such service in the United States. She is a large property owner and a woman of splendid business tact.

proach him at any time on any question and find him ready and willing to give whatever advice he can.

It developed at the meeting Tuesday that the delegates from other states are favorably considering Tennessee's choice, and with a strong pull, not only by the delegates and members of the A. M. E. Connection, but by Tennesseans generally it looks like a certainty that the Old Volunteer state will bring one of her sons back from Kansas City crowned with high honors.

A deal of business was transacted at the meeting held here Tuesday. The matter of transportation was discussed at length. A delegation of railroad officials was received and accorded a hearing. A committee on transportation and many other matters pertaining to the General Conference were discussed pro and con.

At the conclusion of the business before the body the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The delegation, on motion of Dr. G. W. Porter, voted unanimously to support the Bryant Proposition, who proposes as manager of the Sunday-School Union, that he will offer to the General Conference to put all the publishing interests of the connection under one management, the Sunday-School Union, to be the general headquarters.

The following Steerage Committee was appointed to look after the candidacy of Dr. J. A. Jones: A. P. Gray, S. L. Howard, M. C. Buford, J. H. Smith, D. H. Hall, G. W. Porter, S. Jefferson, J. A. Lindsay, J. B. Willis. The delegates endorsed the candidacy of Dr. G. W. Allen, of Alabama, for the bishopric; Rev. J. R. Ransom, of Kansas for Financial Secretary, and instructed the Steerage Committee to look after the other part of the canvass.

Bishop H. B. Parks was in the city but did not attend the meeting. After the meeting a large number of the delegates paid their respects to him by calling upon him at the residence of Dr. G. L. Jackson, on Lea avenue, where the Bishop was a guest.

NEW THEATER  
COMPLETEDFORMS LINK BETWEEN  
NORTH AND SOUTHJohnson's Majestic  
is Now Ready

Success of Enterprise Assured—  
Best Shows in the Country Looking This Way—Will Break Long Jump from Louisville to Memphis.

As a blacksmith welds a piece of iron to make a link in a chain which will lift thousands of pounds and which can be used to make secure the most ferocious animals, just so has one of the enterprising citizens of this city forged a link welding and bringing together the missing link in a chain of theaters that now connects the Great Lakes with the Gulf. The stupendous task of building a first-class, up-to-date theater called for more than child's play, it entailed the outlay of thousands of dollars to say nothing of the restless days and sleepless nights spent over such a project. When these obstacles are overcome, as they have been, there still looms up the highest of all the Alps to be surmounted,



MR. A. N. JOHNSON.

Proprietor of Nashville's New Theater, The Majestic.

a place to build such a theater that would be commanding and attractive, and above all, when the house is completed and properly put in order, where are the shows? Who will book them?

Just as Nashville has outdistanced other cities in the rapid progress made in the past sixteen or seventeen years, since she arose from her state of lethargy and began to exert herself, making tremendous strides, better records, opening new epochs and thereby creating an era of the most sublime future, just so has one of her most loyal citizens removed the obstacle and surmounted the difficulties in the way of establishing an up-to-date theater, where members of the race, who love the stage, admire the orchestra and long to sit in the glare of the footlights, may go and have their wants and desires satisfied without fear of discrimination or humiliation.

It is impossible to paint in words, sufficiently glowing and attractive, just what the new theater in Nashville promises, but it is sufficient to say that no city in the sunny South can rightfully boast of superiority in the ownership of a house more modern than the one of which Nashville can boast, when pointing to the Majestic Theater. In stating that every obstacle had been surmounted the statement was not made simply to attract attention, the facts themselves warrant the assertion. Only a few days ago an order for an asbestos curtain was placed with a Chicago scenery firm, together with more than \$1,000 worth of up-to-date scenery, which is the finishing touch upon the playhouse which will attract to this city stage celebrities, who have never had an opportunity to visit Tennessee's magnificent capital.

Speculation as to the success of the theater is a matter of yesterday. Success seems to be assured for just as the Negroes of Nashville have supported two strong banking institutions, kept alive the educational enthusiasm that has been the means of Nashville maintaining her lead as an educational center, and as through their support and religious zeal they have made Nashville the religious publishing center of the United States, and as she is rightfully the home, or at least the mother, of denominational pride, just so she will make a success as a theater center.

When Mr. A. N. Johnson, the promoter and proprietor of the Majestic Theater, was seen as he alighted from the train on his return from Chicago, he stated that he had succeeded in getting in touch with booking agencies in the Windy City, by which he had secured the booking of

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